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## WORDS FROM OUR FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Citizen Physicians Community,

I am so thrilled to share with you our very first annual report.

We started Citizen Physicians five years ago with the goal of helping empower medical students to be more comfortable with and effective in their civic engagement.

Since then, we have founded chapters at medical schools across the country. We started a national medical student voter registration campaign that has grown beyond our wildest dreams through a successful #MedOutTheVote partnership with the American Medical Student Association. We recognized the recipient of our inaugural Citizen Physician in Practice Award for her extraordinary work getting emergency ballots for patients hospitalized during voting windows. We developed and implemented curricula and workshops. We started a Resident Advisory Board to expand our programming towards supporting young doctors in this work. And our members have trained peers, published articles and letters, testified in Statehouses, and generally transformed their communities for the betterment of their patients' health.

I am so proud of the work accomplished by our team and our student leaders. And I am deeply appreciative for the support this community has continuously provided to our work.

Thank you for your guidance, your words of encouragement, your financial contributions, and the inspiring work each of you does in your own fields. I hope you join us for another exciting five years of advocacy, training, and community building.

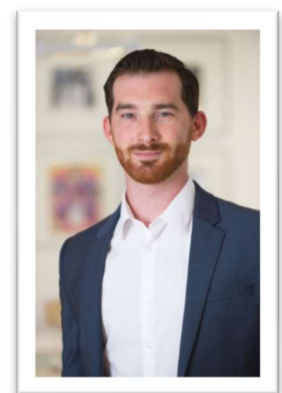
With deep gratitude and admiration,



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## OUR CHAPTERS

Citizen Physicians currently has 9 chapters established at medical schools throughout the nation. This includes the addition of 2 new schools founded in 2019: **Medical College of Georgia** and **Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine**.

- ❖ Alpert Medical School of Brown University
- ❖ Harvard Medical School
- ❖ University of Maryland School of Medicine
- ❖ Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth
- ❖ University of Massachusetts Medical School
- ❖ Loyola University of Chicago Stritch School of Medicine
- ❖ Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University
- ❖ Medical College of Georgia
- ❖ Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine

### CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT



- Signed up over 60 first-year students on its listserv during a student activities fair
- Partnered with a student organization to host a public comment drive to support SNAP funding
- Changed policy for election day so all students are released from hospital rotations by 5:00pm to ensure they can vote
- Developed a session that would have students research bills that were proposed to Rhode Island's congress last year, and then write and deliver testimony as part of a health and human services course
- Developed two sessions for a preclinical elective: an introduction to the importance of political engagement and a session on how research can be used for political change

## Chapter Activities

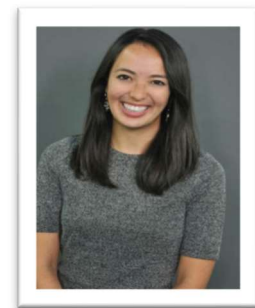
Voter Registration Drives	Curriculum Development	Outreach and Education
Chapters have increased voter registration among medical students by hosting voter registration drives	Student members have developed civic engagement materials and curricula for preclinical electives and taught their peers during class sessions	Students have hosted speakers from a variety of backgrounds including medical doctors, county health commissioners, government leaders, and internationally renowned health activists

## New Staff



In May, we welcomed our new Program Manager, DeBran Tarver, PhD, MPH. DeBran has been overseeing all of Citizen Physicians' programming, including recruiting, on-boarding, and mentoring our student chapters. She also leads our curriculum development, oversees our training initiatives, and interfaces with community members to further grow Citizen Physicians' support of the medical community. Welcome!

## Inaugural Citizen Physician in Practice Award



Dr. Kelly Wong was selected to receive the inaugural Citizen Physician in Practice Award by Citizen Physicians! This recognition is awarded to healthcare providers who have demonstrated a commitment to incorporating civic engagement and patient advocacy as central components of their healthcare practice. She is being awarded this honor in recognition of her work creating [PatientVoting.com](http://PatientVoting.com)

## Resident Advisory Board Launch

This year, Citizen Physicians launched our Resident Advisory Board. The Resident Advisory Board is comprised of seven first year residents who were actively involved with Citizen Physicians when they were medical students. Advisory Board members are charged with advising Citizen Physicians on the unique challenges and opportunities that residents face regarding civic engagement as resident physicians. As Citizen Physicians members advance in their careers, Citizen Physicians will continue to work to support these promising leaders. And the Resident Advisory Board is instrumental in making that happen.

## Outreach and Education

DeBran Tarver presented a webinar titled, “Researching an Issue to Inform your Argument with Evidence”, to 6 fellows in the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) Health Policy and Legislative Affairs (HPLA) Fellowship Program. This program offers the opportunity to gain a more thorough understanding of a medical career in health policy and an introduction to current health policy, grassroots efforts, and critical health policy issues.

Aaron Shapiro spoke on a panel entitled “Doctors and the Ballot: From Mobilizing Voters to Running for Office” at the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) Annual Convention’s National Physician Alliance panel. He also led a Med Out the Vote breakout workshop at the Doctors for America (DFA) National Leadership Conference.

## Med Out the Vote

Citizen Physicians continues our partnership with the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) for the Med Out the Vote (MOTV) Campaign. The initiative engaged 4,000 young citizens in the medical field to pledge to register to vote, vote, and get involved in Get Out the Vote initiatives on various levels.

## Finances

We could not have done this work without the financial support of our donors. In our fiscal year ending June 2019, we raised \$11,925. This funding has gone towards hiring our first program manager, supporting our student chapter programs, and producing online and physical content to empower medical students in their civic engagement activities. We are so grateful and hope you consider donating again this year to further support our expanding impact during the coming election cycle.

Please visit [www.citizenphysicians.org/donate](http://www.citizenphysicians.org/donate)  
to support another year of impactful programming.

## Mission

Citizen Physicians is a start-up organization with a non-partisan, non-issue-based mission to train future healthcare providers in effective civic engagement.

## Vision

Our goal is that every graduating healthcare practitioner feels competent in their ability to access governmental systems both as individual citizens and as healthcare providers who care for diverse patient populations.

## Board of Directors

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